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Zerbst AirfieldI. Location.

- a. 22 km north of Dessau, 5.5 km northeast of Zerbst.
- b. Coordinates: 52°00'00" N/12°08'15" E.
- c. Elevation: 77 meters above sea level.
- d. GSCS 4414 sheet 3938/39, 4048/49.

II. Approach Facilities.

The landing field can be observed from all sides, except for the northwest where the view is blocked by airfield buildings. Most of these buildings are hidden behind trees and are surrounded by a high wall which is open to the landing field. It could not be determined whether the landing field is surrounded by a fence on the other sides. A general view is believed possible from the elevated area of Straguth.

During air activity, the Zerbst-Dobritz road is blocked. Roads and paths leading to the field were made impassable by trenches or marked by off limit signs.

The northern boundary of the airfield is formed by the road to Straguth between kilometer marker 76.9 and a point beyond kilometer marker 79.6, however there is farmland south of this road as far as the edge of the landing field.

The airfield boundaries are guarded by sentries. There are additional guards posted in the bunkers (object 16) and near the hangars and the hardstands used by the alert planes (3 a 1 and 2)

(Unauthorized persons moving about in the vicinity of the field can be spotted very easily).

III. Installations.

<u>Installations</u>	<u>Data Available</u>
Landing field	sod, level, drainage system
1. Runway	extending from southwest to northeast, 2950 meters long, 74 meters wide, 30 cm thick
2. Taxiways	connecting the ends of the runway, 14 meters wide
3. Hardstands	in front of the hangars; a 1 and a 2 used by alert planes; it could not be determined whether a 3 is also used by alert planes
4. Hangars	a. about 70 x 45 meters b. " 80 x 30 " c. " 70 x 40 "
5. Repair hangar	a. located near the landing field, 80 x 50 meters b. repair shop north of the repair hangar
6. Zeroing in and firing range	firing range northwest of the airfield is probably not used; ground targets at the southern edge of the landing field (object 30)
7. Flight control station	about 100 x 20 meters; the same building is probably also used for the storage of parachutes and the fire brigade
8. Weather station	in building 7

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9. Quarters	9/1 through 9/20 in the wooded area west of the repair hangar; utilization of the individual buildings is unknown; additional quarters in the Kavallerie Kaserne, Infanterie Kaserne and on Goethe Strasse in Zerbst
10. Fuel dump	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. located in the fork formed by road and railroad line north of the hangars; lighting facilities available; about 12 underground and 7 above ground containers; the dump is served by Velten and Aken fuel depots</li> <li>2. located north of hangar 4 b; consisting of about 15 underground containers; probably also served by Velten and Aken fuel depots</li> </ol> no data available
11. Ammunition dump	
12. Railroad connection	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. railroad station is Lindau;</li> <li>b. a spur track arrives from the north along Zerbst-Deetz road;</li> <li>c. loading ramps at the warehouse and the boiler house</li> </ol>
13. Radio installations	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Adcock D/F station about 1,300 meters in the northeast extension of the runway;</li> <li>b. a type E radar station, about 1 km south of Kerchau southeast of triangulation point 77.9 in the woods;</li> <li>c.-</li> <li>d. a one-mast radio station, about 2 km from the southwestern end of the runway near Blumen-Muehle;</li> <li>e. landing beacon C, about 600 meters in the northeastern extension of the runway; landing beacon D, in the northeastern extension of the runway, north-northwest of Gollbogen</li> </ol>
14. Lighting facilities	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. rotatable searchlights in the eastern portion of the field;</li> <li>b. runway lights at both sides of the runway, red boundary lights at the ends;</li> <li>c. red obstacle light on a mast near 13 e;</li> <li>d.-</li> <li>e. flare path in the northeastern extension of the runway</li> </ol>
15. AA gun emplacements	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a.-</li> <li>b. six 37-mm AA guns west of the fuel dump (10/1); 6 light AA guns of undetermined caliber south of the Zerbst-Dobritz road between the woods and 6 light AA guns of undetermined caliber northeast of 15 b/2 on the same road</li> <li>15/4 derelict AA gun emplacement</li> </ol>

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16. Undergrounds bunkers for guards	a. south of hanger 4 a b. and c. off the northeastern portion of the taxiway, near the dispersal area of the alert flight
17. Temporary buildings	former construction bureau, grated windows, present utilization unknown, possibly used by AAA unit
18. Kitchen	
19. Headquarters	
20. Officers' club	
21. Athletic field	several small buildings
22. Garages	a. b. c.
23. Warehouse	a. large building b. shed
24. Aircraft revetments	
25. Trench shelters	
26. Undetermined buildings	a. and f. possibly guarded
27. Boiler house	
28. Guardhouse	
29. Wall	
30. Targets for air-to-ground firing practices	
31. Temporary building, utilization undetermined	
32. Sand and gravel pit	
33. Fence	
Occupation of the field:	fighter division headquarters and two fighter regiments equipped with MiG-15s.

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